

Frost PTA Meeting Agenda

November 8th, 2017

- I. Call to Order: 6:10PM
- II. Recap from October meeting
 - a. Backpacks are needed but they are not being returned
 - b. Heather provided some details about how the bags are not returned, and suggested the drawstring bags might be more economical.
- III. Principal Update
 - a. Staff luncheon was successful; In particular, the staff really appreciates the time they get to spend together
 - b. Beautification
 - c. Frost 5k is this weekend. Committee started a silent auction, but schools cannot conduct auctions/raffles
 - d. Chamber orchestra will be at VME conf. Nov 16 @ The Homestead
 - i. Very prestigious honor to attend
 - ii. There was a pre-orchestra event at Centreville HS last week, and Frost students
 - iii. Frost has 3 full packed orchestra events
 - e. Theater is doing "Law & Order Fairytale"
 - i. The program is being revived.
 - ii. "Into the Woods" is being planned for Spring 2018.
 - f. Frost 5K
 - i. Civic students have been doing public service announcements (videos), and are targeting the Frost 5k
 - g. The Fairfax County Bond passed in the November election; the funds pay for planning.
 - h. 2019 Calendar Committee has met to discuss the calendar
 - i. There are three options for a) and b) start us before labor day (the current waiver is good for 2 years). If FFX Co doesn't get so many snow days, then we have to start after labor day.
 - ii. Option a – makes 2 week winter break, and make it a week, and get Wednesday.
 - iii. Option B – keeps 2 week winter break (Eric's pref)
 - iv. Both A and B, students are done in June. Downside is another shortened summer.
 - v. Option C – is what was done in 2018.
 - vi. Mr. McCann sent the options out to the staff today
 1. Brayburn brought it up the stack meeting
 - vii. This will be determined by the Board
 - viii. If waiver goes away in 2 years (2020) – could be a very long summer.
- IV. Faculty Representative (Brig)
 - a. Drama Production
 - b. Frost 5k- target for 5k (\$15,000) approx. 1,200 students. About 12% are on free lunch.
 - c. SGA is putting on 7th grade dance: Nov 15
 - d. VME [date?]
 - e. Math makeup day [date?]

- f. Nov 17 picture makeup day
- g. Nov 20-22 no after school
- h. Nov 22 is 2 hr early release
- i. 3 music concerts
 - i. Nov 30 band
 - ii. Dec 4 Orchestra
 - iii. Dec 7 Chorus
- j. Frost 5K questions
- k. Cyber Patriot Program:
 - i. Last year was very successful (finished top 3 in state)
 - ii. Went from 3 teams to 4 teams (Julie Healy runs the program, and her husband helps)
- l. SOS Program
 - i. They saw 80 students in a period of 3 days
 - ii. 39 of those students indicated they had made attempts or considered attempt
- m. PBIS
 - i. Students are sharing frustration with not feeling accepted at school
 - ii. There are changes being made
 - iii. FFX has adopted a one Fairfax, and looking toward ways to encourage students to success.
 - iv. Committee is called One Frost
- n. Student Recognition Program (Monthly)
 - i. Zone cards, student of the month, etc.
 - ii. Melanie Porter has been helping
 - iii. Monthly student recognition; define principle that the school will focus on each month. Last month was unity. Teachers selected students that represented unity. November is
 1. Recognize more students, more meaningfully. Receive a certificate and treat at lunch
 2. Using Google to track to make sure the same student are not being selected month after month
 3. Students are reviewed to make sure that students
 4. Not just academics....unity, inclusion.
 - iv. A grant was submitted to help with this.
- o. Zone Cards
 - i. Stick them in a box, students get candy
 - ii. Students are not motivated
 - iii. So eliminating zone drawings, replace with Zone store
 - iv. Students will be issued zone cards, and students can accumulate cards and purchase items from the zone store (move to front of lunch line, no gym clothes, etc.). PBIS liason is reaching out to local businesses to ask for additional items.
 - v. PTA is being asked to donate some clothing items.
 - vi. Parents will be asked to work at the Zone Store.
 - vii. Incentives are one way to change behavior, but there are other ways being used to incentive positive behavior.
 - viii. PBIS is accepting suggestions
 - ix.

- p. One Frost
 - i. Starting a student committee for One Frost.
 - ii. They will be provided tshirts
 - iii. Students will be asked to provide
- V. Treasurer's Update
 - a. Membership was lower than expected
 - b. So we need to pump it up
 - c. Sprit Wear:
 - d. \$19,000 in the bank. \$10,000 in grants
 - e. Amazon smiles not much.
 - f. We need to promote Amazon Smiles; add a link to the website
 - g. Suggest that everyone adds Frost to their Amazon account
 - h. Adjust the budget to increase SPRING grants
 - i.
- VI. Committee Reports
 - a. Spirit Wear
 - b. Membership
 - c. Communication Channels
 - i. NewsYouChoose; can provide rights to the PTA
 - ii. Student services can use it
 - iii. Need to speak with Rosemary, Eric, and PTA about how to use it.
 - iv. Can be sent out as school email and PTA
 - d. Directory – currently at the printer being printed. Printed 300 directories.
 - e. Food4Thought
 - i. There are volunteers helping with packing packbacks on Thursday for Friday distribution
 - ii. Drum production will also
 - f. Special Ed
 - i. Unified special Olympics
 - ii. Parent support group at Einstein bagels
 - iii. Had a meeting to discuss inclusive school week (Frost currently does a pretty good job).
 - iv. Spoke to Special Ed liaison
 - v. Would like to put up some information on the PTA website, which includes sponsors.
 - vi. TODO:
 - g. Up Coming Events
- VII. Grants
 - a. Vote for items approved
 - b.
- VIII. Announcements
- IX. Adjourn 7:30PM

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